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- [X] No separate requirements are needed.
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The fee of \$180.00 for submission of an IDS under § 1.97(c) as set forth in § 1.17(p) accompanies this statement.

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[]	A copy of the International Search Report from a corresponding or related PCT application is enclosed herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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